

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An exhaust pipe cover assembly, comprising:
a guide track.

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2. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 1, wherein
said guide track comprises a first linear track.

3. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 2, wherein
10 said guide track further comprises a second arcuate track.

4. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 3, wherein
said guide track further comprises a connecting track
extending between and in communication with said first
15 linear track and said second arcuate track.

5. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 4, wherein
said guide track further comprises a cover portion slidably
engaged therewith, said cover portion dimensioned to be
20 seated over an exhaust pipe port.

6. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 5, wherein said cover portion is slidably engaged with said guide track via a bearing.

5 7. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 6, wherein said cover portion comprises an elongated or extended peripheral wall to facilitate full coverage over the exhaust pipe port.

10 8. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 7, wherein forceful exhaust emissions through the exhaust pipe port results in vertical displacement of said cover portion, and clearance of said cover portion from the exhaust pipe port.

15 9. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 8, wherein vertical displacement of said cover portion is followed by pivotal tilting of said cover portion.

10. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 9, wherein
20 pivotal tilting of said cover portion is followed by said cover portion proceeding into an approximately upright position defined as approximately ninety degrees from

resting state of said cover portion over the exhaust pipe port.

11. An exhaust pipe cover assembly, comprising:

5 a guide plate comprising a guide track formed therethrough, said guide plate comprising means for removably securing said exhaust pipe cover assembly to an exhaust pipe port.

10 **12.** The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim **11**, wherein said guide track comprises a first linear track.

13. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim **12**, wherein said guide track further comprises a second arcuate track.

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14. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim **13**, wherein said guide track further comprises a connecting track extending between and in communication with said first linear track and said second arcuate track.

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15. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim **14**, wherein said guide track further comprises a cover portion slidably

engaged therewith, said cover portion dimensioned to be seated over the exhaust pipe port.

16. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 15, wherein
5 said cover portion is slidably engaged with said guide track via a bearing.

17. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 16, wherein
said cover portion comprises an elongated or extended
10 peripheral wall to facilitate full coverage over the exhaust pipe port.

18. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 17, wherein
forceful exhaust emissions through the exhaust pipe port
15 results in vertical displacement of said cover portion, and clearance of said cover portion from the exhaust pipe port.

19. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 18, wherein
vertical displacement of said cover portion is followed by
20 pivotal tilting of said cover portion.

20. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim 19, wherein
pivotal tilting of said cover portion is followed by said

cover portion proceeding into an approximately upright position defined as approximately ninety degrees from resting state of said cover portion over the exhaust pipe port.

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21. The exhaust pipe cover assembly of Claim **11**, wherein said removable securing means is an aperture formed through said guide plate, said aperture adapted to receive a clamp for removably securing said exhaust pipe cover assembly to
10 the exhaust pipe port.

22. A method of shielding an exhaust pipe port from entry of foreign matter therein, said method comprising the steps of:

- 15 a. obtaining an exhaust pipe cover assembly, comprising:
a guide track; and,
a cover portion slidably engaged with said guide track; and
- b. permitting said cover portion to rest over the exhaust
20 pipe port; and,
- c. permitting said cover portion to slidably interact with said guide track and be vertically displaced upon the forceful emission of exhaust through the exhaust pipe port.

23. The method of Claim **22**, further comprising the step of permitting said cover portion to pivotally tilt after being vertically displaced.

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24. The method of Claim **23**, further comprising the step of permitting said cover portion to proceed into an approximately upright position after being pivotally tilted, said upright position defined as approximately
10 ninety degrees from resting state of said cover portion over the exhaust pipe port.